

## MAURITIUS PUBLIC SERVICE

### PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT NO. 50 OF 2021

#### Vacancies for Post of Agricultural Support Officer/Senior Agricultural Support Officer

#### Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security

Applications are invited from qualified candidates who wish to be considered for appointment as Agricultural Support Officer/Senior Agricultural Support Officer in the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security.

#### **II. AGE LIMIT**

Candidates, unless already in the Service, should not have reached their **40<sup>th</sup>** birthday by the closing date for the submission of applications.

#### **III. QUALIFICATIONS**

- A. Candidates should possess a diploma in Agriscience and Technology or Agriculture or Biology or Chemistry or Agricultural Biotechnology or Microbiology or Horticulture or Molecular Biology or Food Science and Technology or Food Biotechnology from a recognised institution or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the Public Service Commission.
- B. Candidates should be computer literate.

#### **NOTE**

1. Candidates should produce written evidence of knowledge claimed.
2. **The onus for the submission of written evidence of knowledge claimed and equivalence of qualification (if applicable) from the relevant authorities (Higher Education Commission or Mauritius Qualifications Authority) rests on the candidates. Applications will not be considered in case of non-submission of written evidence of knowledge claimed and Equivalence Certificate, as appropriate, by the closing date.**
3. Candidates may be required to sit for a written examination as part of the selection process.
4. The Commission reserves the right -
  - (i) to convene **only** the best qualified candidates for interview; and
  - (ii) not to make any appointment following this advertisement.

#### **IV. DUTIES AND SALARY**

##### **1. I. For Livestock Division**

- (a) To perform animal husbandry practices including artificial insemination and pregnancy assessment.
- (b) To supervise the operation of the poultry unit operations and to monitor deep litter houses, to perform vaccinations, weekly weighing of birds, grading of chicks, candling, egg selection, hatching and quarantine duties.
- (c) To be responsible for milking parlours and to ensure their proper and efficient operation.

##### **II. For Crop Division**

- (a) To select and issue plants from the Nursery to the Sales Section and supervision of other crop practices.
- (b) To supervise –
  - (i) the sale of agricultural produce, and remittance of fees into bank; and
  - (ii) the chemical treatment and fumigation of plants, commodities, soil and building.
- (c) To carry out –
  - (i) micro plant propagation; and
  - (ii) rearing and release of insects, incubation of specimens and placement of insect traps.
- (d) To collect samples of fruits, vegetables, pesticides for chemical analysis.
- (e) To seize or detain any agricultural produce which may be injurious to health.
- (f) To issue notice in a specific form to a person in charge of an agricultural activity producing or selling agricultural produce which may be unfit for human consumption.
- (g) To perform –
  - (i) quarantine duties at airport, harbour, on field and at the Plant Pathology Office; and
  - (ii) field visit in connection with land conversion permit and environmental impact assessment.

- (h) To carry out site visit and monitor agricultural state land lease.
- (i) To process agricultural land application and monitor lease contract.
- (j) To ensure good agricultural practices on stations.

**III. For Food Technology Laboratory**

- (a) To assist the Scientific Officers for a sound environment for the laboratories and to promote the Quality Assurance Programme.
  - (b) To assist the Scientific Officers in carrying out microbiological and chemical analysis and food ingredients including water, fish and fish products, milk and dairy products, meat and meat products, vegetables, animal feed and feeds of Genetically Modified Organism.
2. To plan, organise and supervise the work of subordinate staff.
  3. To certify pay sheet for the Workmen Group and Stockman Cadre and other bills for payment.
  4. To indent store forms to submit request for purchase and to supervise the keeping of store ledger records.
  5. To provide –
    - (i) assistance during conferences, seminars, exhibitions and other related activities organised by the Ministry; and
    - (ii) training to subordinate staff.
  6. To be responsible for the health and safety of employees working under his supervision.
  7. To assist Scientific Officers in Apicultural duties.
  8. To be responsible to senior officers of the Agricultural Services for the efficient discharge of duties connected with regulatory, research, extension, direct and other services.
  9. To use ICT in the performance of his duties.
  10. To perform such other duties directly related to the main duties listed above or related to the delivery of the output and results expected from the Agricultural Support Officer/Senior Agricultural Support Officer in the roles ascribed to him.

The permanent and pensionable post carries salary in scale Rs 14,600 x 275 – 15,150 x 300 – 15,750 x 325 – 17,700 x 375 – 19,575 x 475 – 21,950 x 625 – 23,200 x 775 – 32,500 x 925 – 36,200 QB 37,125 x 1,225 – 40,800 x 1,525 – 48,425 a month.

**NOTE**

**Newly recruited Agricultural Support Officers/Senior Agricultural Support Officers would join the salary scale at salary point of Rs 19,575.**

**V. MODE OF APPLICATION**

1. Qualified candidates should submit their application on **PSC Form 7** which may be obtained **either** from the Enquiry Counter of the Ministry of Public Service, Administrative and Institutional Reforms, Ground Floor, Emmanuel Anquetil Building, Port Louis **or** from the Enquiry Counter of the Public Service Commission, 7, Louis Pasteur Street, Forest Side **or** from the Chief Commissioner's Office, Port Mathurin, Rodrigues **or** from the offices of the Mauritius High Commissions/Embassies overseas.
2. Candidates already in the service should submit their application in **duplicate**, the original to be sent directly to the Secretary, Public Service Commission and the duplicate through their respective Supervising Officer/ Responsible Officer.
3. This advertisement together with the Application Form (PSC Form 7) are available on the website of the Public Service Commission at the following address **<https://psc.govmu.org>**
4. Acknowledgement of applications will be made, as far as possible, by **e-mail**. Candidates are, therefore, advised to submit their e-mail address.
5. Candidates are advised to read carefully the "**NOTES AND INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**" before filling in the Application Form. Care should be taken to fill in the Application Form correctly. **Incomplete, inadequate or inaccurate filling of the Application Form may entail elimination of the applicant.**

**VI. CLOSING DATE**

Application Forms should reach the Secretary, Public Service Commission, 7, Louis Pasteur Street, Forest Side **not later than 15 00 hrs (local time) on Thursday 09 September 2021**. Applications received after the specified closing date and time will **not** be considered.

**Date: 20 August 2021**

Public Service Commission,  
7, Louis Pasteur Street,  
**FOREST SIDE.**